

Assembly Bill No. 64

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CHAPTER _____

An act to add Section 35400.6 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 64, Donnelly. Vehicles: fifth-wheel travel trailers.

(1) Existing law prohibits a vehicle from exceeding 40 feet in length. Existing law exempts from this prohibition specified types of vehicles, including, but not limited to, an articulated bus or articulated trolley coach that does not exceed a length of 60 feet, and a motortruck used solely as a cotton module mover that does not exceed 48 feet in length. A violation of the Vehicle Code is a crime.

This bill would additionally exempt from this prohibition a 5th-wheel travel trailer that does not exceed 48 feet in length from the foremost point of the trailer to the rear extremity of the trailer, and that does not exceed 40 feet in length for a trailer with 2 or more axles, and 38 feet in length for a trailer with a single axle, from the kingpin to the rearmost axle. The bill would require a manufacturer of a 5th-wheel travel trailer that meets this exemption to include in the delivery documents specified length information necessary to register that trailer. The bill would permit a dealer to reject acceptance of the 5th-wheel travel trailer if this documentation is not provided. By creating a new crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 35400.6 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

35400.6. (a) Subdivision (a) of Section 35400 does not apply to a fifth-wheel travel trailer that does not exceed the following lengths:

(1) Forty-eight feet in length from the foremost point of the trailer to the rear extremity of the trailer.

(2) (A) For a fifth-wheel travel trailer with a single axle, 38 feet in length from the kingpin to the rearmost axle.

(B) For a fifth-wheel travel trailer with two or more axles, 40 feet in length from the kingpin to the rearmost axle.

(b) A manufacturer of a fifth-wheel travel trailer described by subdivision (a) shall include in the delivery documents the information necessary to register that fifth-wheel travel trailer, including its overall length pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) and a declaration that its length is in compliance with subparagraph (A) or subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a). The dealer may reject acceptance of the fifth-wheel travel trailer if this documentation is not provided.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

Approved _____, 2013

Governor